ca. 9 April 1918

Dearest,

Nelly has just heard that her niece has taken a permanent place, thinking that you only wanted her temporarily. What a nuisance — But there is a chance that Liz, the other sister may know of some one. Nelly has written to ask her. Shall I take any steps? I could go to registry offices easily. I saw

Barbara on Sunday, who had
heard from Nick. He seems
to be out of immediate
danger.

Great hurry

B.

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HAMILL 12/29/69

28. April 1918

Hogarth, Sunday,

Dearest,

I'm afraid Lez. is no good. She heard of a woman, but she didn't want to be so far from home. Shan't I see Mrs Hunt, or try some other registry office — I know there's supposed to be a good one in Chelsea. I forget what wages you give. It would be perfectly easy for me to go, as I'm always rambling about London — & my well known talents might find you a woman who would die in your service, not directly, I mean, but after some 40 years service. Or would then put a notice about her in the Times. I see that you are very prominent in the Nation

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How many do you say there are in the house?

Yr B.

28. April 1918

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Hogarth, Sunday, 1918

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this week. I suppose £100 isn't asking too much ?. – or does it work out at that? I saw some private school asked that, & I suppose ordinary people might think they gave more for the money there.

We are expecting Desmond for the night, – he assures me that he is going to tell me a great deal of news, so I hope I may have some for you. I went to the Hippodrome the other night by myself; we had a visit from Walter Lamb; we all our guns went off in the middle of Friday night & we had just got the beds made in the kitchen when the bugles sounded – there wasn't any raid. The Academicians are trying to get rid of Joyneter, & have wrote him a letter to say the work was too much for him, but he say it isn't. They mean to elect Sargent. Owing to Watts's influence the R.A will be smaller than usual this year. There is nothing of startling merit. Eighteen pictures from the diploma Gallery have been put in one of the tubes. (for safety). Lord Lanterbury is a nephew of the duke of Rutland. He is a bugger. I can't think of anything else, except that the Whitbams have asked us to stay with them in Devonshire, & Jad finds agricultural work very

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HAMILL 2/27/69

4 May 1918

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Dearest,

I went to the Registry Office yesterday & heard of a servant who wants to be in the country & is free on the 15th May. She wants from £26 to 28. She is 26 years old. She is leaving because her mistress is giving up the house. She has a very good character, & the woman at the registry knows her & says she is very nice & quiet. I am going to see her on Wednesday. Do you give me a free hand to take her if she seems all right? Shall I offer £28 if she seems wavering? Then Mrs Lucas, (the registry woman – a friend of Aunt Annie's, most refined) said that owing to the size of the family she might want more – Do you want her on the 15th? Shall I advance her

her fare?
Mrs. Lucas has a perfect parlour maid
wanting to be near Lewes! — but
that no good of course.
Could you let me know
before Wednesday.

Yours
B.

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HAMILL 12/29/69

7 May 1918

Hogarth.

Tuesday,

Dearest,

I heard from the woman this morning who says she could not take a situation where there is such a large family. I suppose it would have been better not to tell her what the family was until I saw her. I've written to say that the place is really an Easy one, & that you do your washing yourselves & to-day, & I've asked her to meet me at the Registry Office on Wednesday at 3.30. I shall go there anyhow, because Mrs. Lucas told me that now is the best time for getting servants, & that she has never had so many wanting country places as this year, though of course they get snapped up at once.

I don't much think Ellen Walker

will think it worth her while to come, but so that if I were you I shouldn't bother about coming all that way. The address is 222A Kings Road about 10 minutes from Sloane Sqre station. It might be a good thing for you to see Mrs Lucas yourself however. If you do come I could meet you at 3.20 at Sloane Sqre station, as the office is rather difficult to find. Would you ring up tomorrow morning & say what you want to do. I could come on to tea anyhow.

Nelly is going home for Whitsun, & holds out hope that she might find someone among her friends.

We are coming to Aylesham for 10 days or so.

Yr B.

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Hamlet 12/29/69

15th May 1918

Hayarth,

Wednesday,

Dearest,

I've just been to the Registry Office without success, I'm afraid. She has a Cook who wants to be near Lewes, & is very good — but I suppose shall useless. However, she said this was the worst week for them to come in; owing to Whitsun, & the Expect more next week.)

Said she was to write to you if she heard of anyone, & I would let her know — or it would be simpler if you

wrote straight, to Mrs Lucas, 222 A
King Rd. Chelsea — to say if
you want her to get a temporary,
which she thinks she could do
without much difficulty.
Perhaps it would be worth
waiting to see if Nelly can
get anyone.
We come down tomorrow.
I hope we may meet.
Yr J.

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